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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number | 08/879,322

Filing Date | June 20, 1997

First Named Inventor | Allan S. Hodgson

Group Art Unit | 2623

Examiner Name | M. Dastouri

Attorney Docket Number | 803P019

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 15, 2000
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply 09/19/2001 GTEFFERA 00000049 08879322
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:179
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 710.00 DP
iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Other _____

- b. Check in the amount of \$ 710 - enclosed

- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	September 13, 2001

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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	
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FEE CALCULATION			
1. BASIC FILING FEE			
Large Entity	Small Entity		
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 710	201 355	Utility filing fee	710-
106 320	206 160	Design filing fee	
107 490	207 245	Plant filing fee	
108 710	208 355	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES			
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =	X	=
Independent Claims	- 3** =	X	=
Multiple Dependent			=

Large Entity		Small Entity	
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103 18	203 9		Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40		Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40		** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES	Fee Paid		
Large Entity	Small Entity		
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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	
117 890	217 445	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890	228 945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240	241 620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240	242 620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440	243 220	Design issue fee	
144 600	244 300	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 710	246 355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 710	249 355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710	279 355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____			

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